

Weekly Intelligence.

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

Emory A. Storr, the prominent republican lawyer of Chicago, is dead.

Inside of three years the people of Lexington will think the waterworks absolutely indispensable.

The American yacht, Puritan, beat the English yacht, Genesta, in two races, thus keeping the America cup at home.

Judge G. W. Dunn, circuit judge, has been indicted for drunkenness by the grand jury of his own court at Pittsburg.

The Intelligence prints, in full, Maj. Jno. N. Edwards' account of the reunion at Higginsville. It will well repay perusal.

There should be a meeting of our citizens, October 1, that they may say whether or not they desire the re-union here next September.

The St. Louis Republican states that Dr. W. Pope Yeaman desires it stated that he is not a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public schools.

Senator Alaburn attacked a young man, at Petersburg, the other day, coarsely and vulgarly, and attempting to lay hands on him came within an ace of getting his throat cut.

St. Louis Republican:—"The Sedalia Democrat is now owned and operated by a syndicate, with ex-Mayor Frank Craycroft as president, H. H. Allen secretary and business manager, and Dr. C. E. Edwards editor."

The little cablegram, "The newspapers of Germany are warning poor people against emigrating to England," seems to have snapped asunder one of the heart strings of our friends, the Post. It is a sad thing to worship a fetish.

There will be no necessity for any levy for taxes for water purposes this fall. By next autumn, we hope Col. Reid will be so much pleased with his new ball room and fountain that he will think better of his determination to bring suit against the tax-gatherer.

There are two or three crossings of the Missouri Pacific railroad, between Higginsville and this city, that are dangerous to vehicles, by reason of being in short turns and because the weeds have grown so high that trains cannot be seen unless one is immediately on the track.

County Attorney Blackwell having received complaints of the failure of the railroad companies to properly keep in repair the wagon crossings of the railroad tracks in this county, prepared a notice to the companies, which will be printed next week, having received it too late for this issue.

Ex-Archbishop-General McIntyre is building a handsome residence at Jefferson City, Gen. McIntyre is one of the purest and best men in Missouri that has ever filled a state office. He is practicing law at Jefferson City now, and we hope he will prosper. He deserves to do so, and if having the confidence of the people will aid him he will certainly succeed.

The people here did not like Mr. Jones' manner to them, nor his way of tearing up our streets, nor his well on the sandbar. But they meant what they said when they voted for waterworks. They want the waterworks, and they will have it, no matter what the difficulties. We think they will be satisfied when pure Missouri river water, well settled, is provided them, in ample quantities. Mr. Simmons, the present foreman, is a gentleman, and answers all questions civilly, and seems to be doing his best to complete the works in such a manner as to satisfy the people.

Leaving the English emigration question out of the Post's article let us consider one of its questions as it had been based upon a "real fact." The Post says:—"The reason for the persistent emigration must be found elsewhere and in other causes. Where is it, and what is it?" Taking this as an allusion to emigration in general, we are prepared to answer the question. The reason for the persistent emigration to this country has been twofold. 1. Because of its free government, and liberality to foreign-born corporations. 2. Because of the democratic party in the fight against Know-Nothingism; and 3, because of its cheap lands.

Higginsville Post:—"Free traders and their newspaper organs have been unceasingly for the past fifty years asserting that free trade is the only panacea for hard times, poverty, and all other ills to which the body politic and economic is heir." This appears to us to be the very insanity of prejudiced assertion. We cannot conceive upon what our contemporary bases its charge, and we challenge him to produce such a statement from any respectable opponent of a high protective tariff. Bread and meat are wholesome foods, and they are good for us, but they are not therefore panacea against all ills that flesh is heir to. Great questions should not be obscured by such lower issues. There are many ills which afflict the body politic which have as much to do with free trade or protection as a boot jack has to do with winding up a watch.

Higginsville Post:—"We will also ask you a question, friend Intelligence. Why do so many 'poor people' persist in leaving England and settling in the United States, notwithstanding the warnings of the English press?" Come, friend Post, as you are the defender of a Yankee nation, we will take the liberty of answering you after the Yankee manner of asking you a question or two:—"Why do six, eight or ten times as many 'poor people' persist in leaving Germany and settling in the United States as leave England for the same purpose? More, by whom is it asserted that the English press is warning English people not to come to the United States? And still more, where are the statistics to prove that there are 'many' emigrants from England to the United States, poor or rich? Until the Post can settle that one of its postulates is based upon fact its column of conclusions from them must amount to very little.

THE WATERWORKS.

We print, elsewhere, a letter from Col. John Reid which is a severe attack upon the water company, and an arraignment of those citizens who do not aid in their right and privilege to vote for and advocate the building of waterworks in the city of Lexington, as having imposed upon a minority an "unjust decree."

The Intelligence has too often and too freely criticized both the city council and the water company to be accused of undue partiality toward them. It is as free as air to denounce wrongdoing in either; and it is not to be influenced by the wealth of the few or the power of the many, to say one word that it does not believe to be true and fair. When Messrs. Abendroth & Root, stricken by a heavy loss, asked for an abatement of the contract, the Intelligence opposed them; when citizens who have been inimical to the enterprise from the beginning shall endeavor, unfairly, to cause the city to evade its obligations to the water company, we shall oppose them. We hold that it is the duty of the council to see that the water company fulfills its contract, to the letter; when this is done it will be just as fully the duty of the council to meet the obligations required of it by the contract.

Eight hundred and eleven citizens of Lexington, at the ballot box, instructed the city council to make that contract, and as one very humble citizen we do not propose to shirk any burden that was assumed by that act. We know that it is often very popular to vote money, and very unpopular to pay it when the time comes, still we have been advocating payments of late.

We regret that Col. Reid has written the letter under discussion. There are many admirable traits in his character, some of which we have endeavored, in a friendly way, to point out. We should much prefer to agree with, and to write only pleasant things of him, but as he is an enthusiastic poet and lover so also he is a good hater, and when he dips his pen in gall to berate his enemies he bears upon it so hard that it is almost impossible to escape his friends as well. His letter is bitter, and, we think, exceedingly unfair. In all kindness of feeling we shall endeavor, briefly, to show why.

The colonel quotes three sections of the law, asks four questions, does not criticize the parts of the ordinance adduced, and then speaks of what he has preceded as "remarkable adducing." We submit that this is not argument.

As to his questions, if he intends to take legal measures to prevent the further collection of taxes for water purposes, which he has a perfect right to do, we might say that they would be proper subjects of inquiry for his attorney, but that they are also matters of public interest we will answer them, scrupulously.

1. The Lexington Water Company did file with the city register one day after the time specified in the ordinance, the limit of time being ten days, its formal, written acceptance of the terms and conditions of the ordinance.

2. It did commence work in good faith very much within ninety days thereafter.

3. It did file a penal bond of \$2,000 for a faithful compliance with all the conditions of the contract. The bond is signed by James C. McGraw, president of the water company, as principal, James Wentworth, secretary, and J. A. Jones and J. S. Simmons, securities. The bond seems to us to be perfectly good, without any need for the securities as the company has more than ten times as much property in this city as the sum indicated. Its pumping machinery alone, which is as good as is possessed by any company in the United States, is worth ten times the amount of the bond; it has six miles of iron pipe laid under our streets, and other property besides. It cannot acquire its property from us by the bonds, but it has secured it by the bonds, and the contract is either accepted or rejected by the council, without the concurrence and consent of Messrs. J. C. McGraw, C. O. Grimes and E. Winsor, who are a majority of the board of directors.

4. It did, even before the ordinance was approved, and upon its adoption, make proper tests for water on the sandbar, and we are told, secured tests of the water by two chemists, one in Chicago and one in New York. But this seems a useless inquiry in view of the fact that it has since, in the exercise of its rights, stipulated in the ordinance, but not mentioned by the colonel, determined to pump water directly from the Missouri river into its reservoirs, which it is now preparing, at great expense, to do so.

In these questions of Col. Reid's we see nothing to which we object. They are courteous, and proper enough, if the object is really to seek information. But when the colonel assumes (1) that the 49 negative voters are "mainly" relied upon to pay the taxes of the city; (2) that the "decrees" of the 811 are unjust; and (3) that the gentlemen who constitute the water company are "Paterfamilias," we think his language and positions are objectionable.

(1.) The idea that the 49 negative voters are "mainly" relied upon to pay the taxes of the city appears to us unwarranted by the facts, if "mainly" is intended to mean even the major portion of the taxes, not to say the greater part. After the election it was understood that more than half of the 49 were non-tax-payers, under the influence of a few wealthy men who opposed the project. No doubt six or eight of the largest tax-payers in the city, Col. Reid among them, did vote No. On the other hand Messrs. Wm. Morrison, Geo. Farrar, Wm. Smith, Henry Hinkel, the Winklers, Ernest Hoffman, Bernard Meyer, Fayette Patterson, G. A. Kriehm and many other large tax-payers voted for the proposition. Nine-tenths of the business men of the town voted for it. Mrs. Pomeroy and Mr. Jno. G. Longdon, both large tax-payers in the city, could not vote, but favored the waterworks and urged their influence in that direction.

(2.) We cannot see how the "decrees" of the 811 against the will of the 49 can be considered unjust in a country that is governed by the people. It was not made by a scant majority; and there can be no sort of doubt that majority represented more than half of the taxable wealth of the city. If the

point is made that even a majority has no right to impose a tax upon a minority, we can only stop here to say, that our customs, laws and courts do not agree with that view, and that if they did public improvements would be impossible of attainment. That funds spent for public enterprises have, so far as results are concerned, sometimes "faded like the baseness of a bubble," need not necessarily imply evil intention or the dishonesty of those who have expended them.

(3.) The gentlemen who own nearly all the stock, and who are, practically, the water company, are Messrs. Abendroth & Root, of New York City. So far as we know they are very reputable gentlemen. When interviewed on the subject, they assured us that the correspondent of their bank in New York vouches for them as entirely reliable. They pay all of their bills as soon as presented. They have more than seventy-five thousand dollars invested in this city; and this is only one of their numerous business ventures. Managed by money, and by honest standing where they reside, they seem to be very respectable indeed. We can see no reason, or proper courtesy, therefore, in speaking of them as "Paterfamilias." They have not received one dollar from the city of Lexington, so far as we know, upon any account whatever. In spite of the mismanagement of their first agent, Messrs. Jones, and of their misfortune in the fall of the tower, they appear to be going on with their work as if they meant, literally, to comply with all the requirements of the contract. As to the terms of the contract, these were discussed before the bargain was made. We may say, though, in passing, that Col. Reid's comparison of prices between Lexington and Nevada is very unfair, by reason of the difference of expense necessary to raise and settle the water. Further, the rates quoted, as to Lexington, from section 12, are maximum prices, and the consumer has the privilege of taking the water or not, and of making as good a bargain as he can; the company being interested in giving reasonable rates, in order to secure a larger consumption.

We do not conclude with the colonel, either, in the opinion that the time for the completion of the contract has expired, as section 19 provides that no delays by "unavoidable accidents" shall work a forfeiture of the rights granted by the ordinance. We do not believe any "conscientious judge" will hold that the fact of the water company's having their tower fell down and had to be replaced by a new one.

In conclusion, we hope the colonel will look at this subject calmly, and at least concede to treat those who favor the waterworks, and the builders, so long as they are courteous, with fairness. We know that the former intend to do him no wrong, and we believe that the latter are reliable gentlemen, who mean to do right. The colonel has a perfect right to test any question in the courts; no one will object to his exercise of that right; but we think a capricious spirit of fault-finding will hardly prove attractive to foreign capital. Few men would care to invest their money in a town where it would be jointly invited, and where once secured they themselves would be called rough names, and their honest efforts be derided as scandalous impositions and abominations.

Some Conclusions.

EDITOR INTELLIGENCER:—I see that the Intelligence and Register have both fallen into an error, as regards the day on which Col. Mulligan surrendered. The day on which this place surrendered to Gen. Price at this place in Sept. 1861. You both say that the anniversary of the event is the 21st of September, which is about the 20th. Gen. Price surrounded Mulligan on the morning of the 18th, and late in the evening of the 20th Col. Mulligan surrendered the fort—so says Pollard, Nevill and Jeff Davis in their histories of the battle of Lexington.

W. A. GORDON.

We think the doctor has fallen into error as to the date. We fully announced that the A. L. selected that day to celebrate the anniversary. He is correct as to his dates.

Meeting of the County Medical Society.

The Lafayette County Medical Society met in regular session at Lexington, Mo., on Tuesday, the 15th inst. In the absence of the president, Dr. Goodwin, of Odessa, Dr. B. Alexander was elected president, pro tem. Physicians present, Drs. R. C. Carter, Jr., of Fulton and Dr. P. Smith, of Higginsville; Dr. Ed. Mang, of Dover; and Drs. P. B. Chambers, J. B. Alexander, of Lexington. Dr. Smith read a paper on "The influence of the water supply on the health of the community," which was well received by the physicians who were present. Dr. Chambers was appointed secretary for the next meeting, to be held at Higginsville the second Monday in October.

Base Ball.

EDITOR INTELLIGENCER:—By request of one of the prominent members of the picked nine the champion game of ball to be played Oct. 3, for ball and bat. The date is changed to Monday, Sept. 22nd; time 2:30 p. m., sharp, at Pomeroy's Park. The club will appear in full uniform, and promise to be one of the best games ever played in the city. Invitations will be issued to all the colleges, and an immense crowd is looked for. Respectfully,

Attention.

I am constantly receiving new and seasonable goods, and I want to call your attention to a few of them:

Roasted coffee received every week. You always get fresh coffee that will suit you. Any kind you want, green or roasted; African, Java, O. G. Java, Mocha, and all the different kinds of Rio.

Our stock of teas are now the best I ever had. Can suit anyone's taste. Our best grades of Oolong, Gunpowder and Young Hyson teas, as well as our best Java, are where. The late receipts being very fine. Japan tea in nice one pound pails, very cheap.

A good crop of 1885 pickles are now in two gallon pails.

As fast as new Prunes, Italian, Citron, and other fruits come in the market, we will have them in stock.

If you want Vinegar or Spices that are strictly pure, I have them. There are very important in pickling or cooking.

Our stock of Pickles, Pickled Syrup, pickled Lobsters, etc.

Good stock of provisions always on hand. Yours Truly,

JOHN POWELL.

Two of the Durbin women, and four children, went down to Jefferson City, last Saturday, and returned Monday morning. They make the trip once a month.

PERSONALITIES.

Dr. Young is not so well.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Lettice Shaw went up to Kansas City Monday.

GREEN-TOWN.

Mr. T. W. Ridings of Wellington was in Cambridge last week. There is an Indian burying ground on the Goodhue hill and he was looking for the "Caves."

Mr. Joseph Armstrong, of Jackson county, was visiting friends in Lexington township, last week.

Miss Bell Brooks, of Clay county, Mo., is here visiting her uncle, Mr. Clay Williams.

S. J. E. F. is attending medical lectures. He don't know which he will be, an L.L.D. or M.D.

Anyone having lost a surchuge, call on B. H. Porter, Esq., and describe property, and get it.

The house of Thos. J. Powell, Esq., near being burned last week, having caught from the stove fire. Damage four or five dollars.

Mr. A. W. Mann was called to Pink Hill this week by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Henry Vance is down with feverish illness, and her son, Mr. Vance, Uncle Steve Barker and family have gone to Eldorado Springs, for their health.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

WAVERTY.

Mr. A. H. Reid and wife are home from a short visit to Booneville.

Prof. Vivion, of Norborne, was in town one day last week.

Miss Lettice Shaw is back, and is the guests of Mr. Jno. S. Webb.

Mrs. Taylor, of Dover, has returned home after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett left Rev. Frank Waggoner a visit last week.

Mr. and